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SUBJ: MOROCCO'S PARTICIPATION IN 1979 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT
CONFERENCE IN QUESTION

1. MOROCCAN FONMIN, M'HAMED BOUCETTA, UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM
CASABLANCA-NOUASSEUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JULY 24, FOR BELGRADE
NAM FONMIN'S MEETING IS QUOTED IN THE JULY 25TH EDITION OF THE
GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, LE MATIN, TO HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
CONCERNING MOROCCAN PARTICIPATION IN THE 1979 NON-ALIGNED
SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN HAVANA (TRANSLATION):

" MOROCCO HAS ALWAYS WORKED TO AVOID ALL VIOLENT CONFRONTATION
BWTWEEN THE TWO GREAT POWERS. OUR COUNTRY HAS ALSO OPTED FOR
A POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND IT HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THIS POLICY IS BASED ON THE
PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERCONFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC
AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT
WE HAVE RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES. WHOSE GOVERNMENTS AND IDEOLOGIES AR
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TOTALY DIFFERENT FROM OURS. THE AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE JUST
SIGNED WITH THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING THE EXPLOITATION OF
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THE MESKALA MINERALS IS SUFFICIENT PROOF (OF THIS POLICY.) WE
HAVE EXPRESSEDM OUR POINTS OF VIEW AT KHARTOUM CONCERNING
THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MUST GOVERN NON-ALIGNMENT AND WE WILL REFER TO
THEM AGAIN DURING THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. WE WILL INSIST ON THE FACT
THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SETTLEMENT OF
REGIONAL PROBLEMS. MANY COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS
CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF CUBA AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

CERTAIN COUNTRIES BASE THEIR ARGUMENT ON THE CONTRADICTION
BETWEEN THE ACTIONS OF THE CUBAN STATE AND ITS NON-ALIGNMENT.
AS FOR MOROCCO, WE ARE NOT AT ALL PLEASED WITH THE PRESENCE ON
AFRICAN SOIL OF THOUSANDS OF CUBAN SOLDIERS. BECAUSE OF THIS
AND BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF THE CUBAN STATE IN AFRICA, OUR COUNTRY
WILL NOT ATTEND THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN HAVANA IN 1979 IF CUBA
PERSISTS IN CONTINUING THIS POLICY."
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